

# New Champion Horseshoe Pitcher Will Be Crowned Before Nightfall at St. Pete

## DAVIS AND SPENCER MEET FOR 1922 TITLE IN BARNYARD GOLF

Horseshoe-Pitching Championship Will Be Decided Today at St. Pete—Oklahoman Wins Sensational Match to Get Into Final Round

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THERE is the wildest kind of excitement in this city today. Before nightfall a new champion horseshoe pitcher will be crowned, and the doubters know who it will be. The suspense is something terrible, and the doubters are unable to do the thing that is so simple, which is a way of referring to C. C. Davis, of Columbus, O., and Halpin Spencer, of Picher, Okla.

Both of these gentlemen have had their names mentioned on every street corner and have created no more interest—locally, of course—than that pair of battlers named Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier in Jersey City on the morning of July 2 last year.

Spencer and Davis will meet in the big match today, and the guy who finishes second will have to wait until next year for another crack at the crown. They have floated through the preliminary rounds like Bill Tilden through a junior tennis tournament, and now the only thing they can do is to try to beat each other.

Some claim that Spencer has as much chance as a fresh cop trying to chase an iron deer off the front lawn, while others say Davis will be as effective as a watermelon in a man's mouth. All of which means opinion is divided, and under conditions are such something is bound to happen. We say this on excellent authority.

For the first time in history—and there are hundreds of historians down here—the early dog has been correct. Before the first shoe was pitched by Mayor Frank Fortune Dwyer, who then retired gracefully and unanimously from the tourney, the wise persons picked two very dark horses and placed them in the finals.

THEY made a marvelous guess and the "old dog" was right. They picked themselves medals today. The black steeds have outdone.

### Big Crowd Out Early for Match

WILLIAMS PARK is all cleaned and pressed, to say nothing of half-soled and heeled, for the big event. The stands will take care of the early morning crowd, and this crowd will stick through until the finish. They carry lunches down here and eat food in the bleachers. Good seats were at a premium after 9 A. M. It's the early guy that gets the seats and the late ones in this section.

The athletes did a lot of thing of the iron brogans yesterday. Davis participated in seven matches and went through his opponents like measles through a kindergarten. All seven of the nose dive and were swept out with the peach shells.

T. C. Reed, of McKeesport, Pa., furnished most opposition and scored 24 points, which was one less than that of Davis. The Columbus man always ran out his string of 50 because it was the limit. Others who joined the sad and sorrowful second-placers were Snyder, Robinson, Ogden, Mallory, Moore and Miller.

Spencer had a tougher time of it. He sneared five noble performers named Moore, Finkle, Cole, Rittelle and Francisco, and then met Fred Brust. This was the closest match ever seen in a tournament. Spencer winning by the score of 20 to 19. Each contestant drew thirty-three rings and eight double-heads. This probably is a record, and if it isn't it should be.

The match went into extra innings. Spencer putting over the final counter in the fortieth. Ordinary games go about thirty innings, but this was so close and the spectators enjoyed it so much that the extra ten were thrown in to make the game.

Spencer played an uphill game and several times was on the verge of defeat. Brust started with a great sprint, took the lead and at half time was out in front like Man of War in a race with selling platens. At the end of the twentieth inning he had 32 points to 19 for Spencer. The Oklahoma wizard lost control of his shoes and had seven scoreless sessions.

AT THE end of the twenty-ninth a liberal-minded person could have purchased Spencer's chances for a nickel. Brust had 17 points, with only three to go, while the star from Picher, Okla., trailed with 31. The odds were twenty to nothing on Brust with no takers.

### They Tie Score at 49-41

SPENCER registered a ringer in the thirtieth frame and boosted his total to 34. He had to do it, because Brust had wrapped a ringer around the stake and Halpin ran two more on top of it. Brust threw doubles, which gave him 6 points and the match if Spencer didn't come through. But Ralph was equal to the assignment and threw two more in the same place. All four shoes were around the peg and there was no score.

This was the beginning of the end for Brust. He needed three points and Spencer sixteen. The Oklahoma made twelve points in the next five innings, boosting his score to 46. Then Brust made one and Spencer three, and the count was 49-41.

Spencer's first shoe in the last frame did not turn up and failed to circle the stake. However, it was close, with one of the prongs touching it. His second pitch was perfect and it was a ringer.

In order to win Brust had to make two ringers, and he tried hard. The first shot through to his mark, covering Spencer's shoe, wiping out three points. Everything depended on the last pitch. Brust threw, but his shoe, sliding through the peg, bounced back. Spencer got one point and the match.

THE tournament will end today because Spencer has to get back to his grocery store in Picher, Okla. Saturday is a big day at the store, and Ralph says he can't afford to go around the country picking horseshoes when there is business to attend to.

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PHILA. BIDS FOR "PRO" ICE-SKATING CLASSIC

Eight Stars May Appear Here for Indoor Speed Title

Philadelphia has entered a bid for the indoor professional speed-skating championship. If this city wins, it means that the best skating speed stars in America will be seen here in a three-night meet. Norel Bantle, famous knight of the blades, was here yesterday, and after a conference with George Pawling, of the Ice Palace, wired terms to the president of the Professional Speed Skaters' Association.

Last year Philadelphia had the amateur figure skating championships of America, and, if successful in the present bid, it will mean the first recognition for this city as a skating center. Ice speed skating has enjoyed its most successful season, meets being held all through the northern sections.

Everett MacGowan, son of the Philadelphia National League Club, who is visiting relatives here, says "there isn't anything to that tale of McGraw letting out Barnes and Douglas. It's all propaganda work. I know, because I would use him, and there's no way of trying them loose."

He will have Fletcher back with the Phillies this year and Lee Meadows will pitch for us. If he doesn't, he doesn't say anywhere. I have four promising left-handed pitchers and two of them would deal for a crackerjack second baseman and when I get him I will be set shape for the race.

He is from me. This will be the first year when the Phillies will be surrounded by the top of the second league. No tail end for us this year.

There is a letter in the Sports Department of the Evening Public Ledger for Willie Edwards.

Frankie Maguire is Winner

Harford, Conn., Feb. 23.—Frankie Maguire, of Williamsport, Pa., 157, who was declared a winner against Joe Ryan, of Boston, in the ninth round, was declared the winner of the ninth round of the scheduled boxing bout for the title of champion of the world for the first time.

## THERE'S AT LEAST ONE IN EVERY OFFICE



## NAME BOARD TO GOVERN BASEBALL

Local Association Will Elect Six to Conduct Affairs for Coming Season

### WHITMAN NOW A MANAGER

The committee of the Philadelphia Baseball Association to select nominees for the Board of Governors met at the Hotel Walton last evening and selected nominees for the board. Chairman Edie Gottlieb, of the Spolas, presided, and President Howard M. Donovan and other officials were in attendance.

The president made it plain that the six appointing the position are in for plenty of work, and urged that all those put in nomination be interviewed some time before tomorrow night, when the board will be chosen. It is the most important branch of the new local baseball association and will practically govern the organization during the season.

The managers and representatives will be called together on few occasions, but the board will assemble at least once a week to conduct the business and settle any disputes which arise. There is an arbitration board, composed of Bill Koper, Judge Patterson and Bob Maxwell, to settle any differences between clubs, but they are a last resort, and President Donovan hopes that the association will go through the season without having to enlist any opinion of the baseball tribunal.

Whitman With Bridesburg

Bill Whitman, who covered the center garden for Bridesburg last year, has been handed the up-town team for the season of 1922. Whitman has made a great reputation in semi-pro ranks as a holder for the last half dozen years.

Whitman was unfortunate last year in having his foot broken while attempting to steal second early in the season, and did not get back in the lineup until near the close of the season. He made up for lost time when he swung into action, and had a batting average for the season of .309.

The season will open about April 20 and games will be played on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Whitman is now days, signing players and expects one of the fastest clubs in the city.

New Club Downtown

Plans in the downtown section will have the privilege of attending games in a new ballpark. The new ballpark will be located in the downtown section, and will have a seating capacity of 10,000.

It is also planned to conduct other sports aside from the national game and outdoor sports. The new ballpark will have a seating capacity of 10,000.

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## SPRINGS COME AND GO; SO DO BALL PLAYERS

There Are a Few Veterans Going South Now Who May Be Seeing Their Last Spring Training This Year

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Old Third Baseman

With a half smile, a smile that covers care.

He goes upon his way: Knowing the little time he has to spare Before he stands at bat.

For he has read the record, word by word, "Five batters groined to take a crack at third."

One after one he sees each rival burn The batter in his flight: While mocking memories of youth re-echo.

To haunt him through the night, And when he tries to make the old arm speak He only hears the rusty hinges creak.

Collier and Bradley, Deala and the rest, Drift by him in review, The white Time whistles from his ancient nest.

"Another good guy's through," I tell you April whispers in his ear "The old dog's good enough for one more year."

Holding On

TENNYSON'S gurgling brook may tramp along forever, but ball players are neither rivulets nor brooks. Their limit is never eternal.

More than one veteran is now on his way South for the last time in major league harness, but spiking them by name is another matter.

Cobb, starting in 1905, is now in his eighteenth campaign. He may still be a coxswain, but he hasn't many laps left, although he may round out twenty seasons before removing his spikes.

Walter Johnson, infusing his young vigor in 1907, is under the sun of sixteen, and with a lot of shins still left in his venerable elbow.

Shim Sallee still persists in tossing his heater by rival bats, but the angelic Sheriff is fairly close to the end of the line.

"Babe" Adams and Larry Gardner haven't many dusty leagues to travel before checking out and calling it a career.

After all, going back doesn't mean so much when you meet so few coming forward.

Grover Cleveland Alexander

THOSE who wait for the crash of kings will suspect Grover Alexander of more than casual interest this season. For the first time in his career "Gee" he slipped badly last summer, but off years are no uncommon thing.

The Club president still has quite a number of legs to his fast one left, and may never work his way back into the old greatness of the past. He is due for a quick rebound in that direction.

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## YANKEE IS BACK IN FISTIC GLARE

One-Time "Globe Trotter" Now in Role of Mickey Donley's Handler

PALACE BOUTS TONIGHT

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

TAKE a tip—this fellow Mickey Donley is going to make a lot of guys sit up and take a look, and at the same time some supposedly good light-weights are going to take a look.

It was Yankee Schwartz, waving his arms wildly and almost hysterically, and he spoke as if he really meant every word.

"This fellow Donley never has been given the chance with his dukes he really deserves. He's a swell boxer and punches harder than many believe. But no one seems to appreciate his ability. The best that he gets is a substitute bout once in a while."

"Didn't he make good against Sailor Freedman?" continued the Yank. "and he came in as an eleven-hour opponent. And how about his match with Joe Gomez? Donley, who calls himself Mickey because he is an Italian, didn't know anything about meeting the Englishman until about eight hours before the bout. What did he do? He not only made good, but knocked the Britisher for a loop in short order."

All of this conversation serves to introduce Yankee Schwartz as a manager. There used to be days when play and little skill, means nothing at all.

It would be better to let the two eleven line up on the 15-yard line for a try at a drop-kick or place-kick. It might be better still to abolish an institution that means so little either way.

Considerable Splash

IF COLLEGE oarsmen fail to evolve the best season of crew history between April and July we again stumble over an easy prospect.

Every sign is pointing in the direction of a great rowing year, with fine prospects reported from the Navy, Cornell, Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Syracuse and Penn.

The material is at hand for unusually keen competition of a high standard, with the additional attraction that comes from the lack of professionalism or proselyting.

At this writing the Navy looks to be the most formidable of the lot, but there are too many good crews in sight for now, and the contest is far from the mass this far in advance.

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KRAFT HIGH SCORER

Auditor Bowler Now Leads Paxson in P. R. R. League

W. R. Kraft, of the Auditor of Revenue team, last evening ran a high score of 244 in his third game against the Pennsylvania System General Office Bowling League. Kraft, with his high score of 244, supplanted Paxson, of the Chief Engineers, who held the high mark of 233.

Kraft did some remarkable bowling, having made strikes in all his frames with the exception of the second and eighth.

Transportation and Purchasing Departments are having a hard battle for first place in the bowling contest, the leading the Purchasing bowlers by one game.

The scores:

1st Game 2d Game 3d Game

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Comptroller 230 244 244

Purchasing 230 244 244

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No Ice for Army Hockey

West Point, Feb. 23.—The Army and Columbia hockey game, scheduled to take place here, was canceled because of the poor condition of the ice on Stark tank.

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8:30 A. M. to 5 P. M. Golf School